

CLAIM AMENDMENTS

1. (Cancelled)

2. (Currently Amended) A valve structure of a hydraulic shock absorber for a vehicle according to claim ~~1~~3, wherein an outer diameter of the small diameter leaf valve is set to be no greater than a distance from a center of the partition wall member to a flow passage provided in the partition wall member.

3. (Currently Amended)—~~A valve structure of a hydraulic shock absorber for a vehicle according to claim 1~~ A valve structure of a hydraulic shock absorber for a vehicle, comprising:

_____ a first leaf valve provided in an opening portion of a flow passage arranged in a partition wall member sectioning an oil passage;

_____ a small diameter leaf valve provided in an opposite side of the first leaf valve to the partition wall member;

_____ a plurality of second leaf valves, all said second leaf valves provided in an opposite side of the small diameter leaf valve to the first leaf valve;

_____ an annular gap provided in an outer peripheral side of the small diameter leaf valve, between the first leaf valve and the second leaf valve;

_____ the respective leaf valves being fixed in inner peripheral sides thereof so as to be laminated on the partition wall member,

_____ an inner leaf valve is disposed between the plurality of second leaf valves, and

_____ an annular outer leaf valve having a larger thickness than that of the inner leaf valve is disposed on an outer peripheral side of the inner leaf valve,

wherein the second leaf valve provided between the small diameter leaf valve and the inner leaf valve comprises one leaf valve, and

the other second leaf valves comprise a plurality of leaf valves.

4. (Currently Amended) A valve structure of a hydraulic shock absorber for a vehicle according to claim ~~1~~3, wherein the first leaf valve comprises a plurality of leaf valves.

5. (Currently Amended) A valve structure of a hydraulic shock absorber for a vehicle according to claim ~~1-3~~, wherein the ~~second leaf valve comprises~~ a plurality of leaf valves of the other second leaf valves have ~~having~~ smaller diameters step by step such that the other second leaf ~~valve is~~ valves are formed in a pyramid shape as the second leaf valve departs from the small diameter leaf valve.

6. (Currently Amended) A valve structure of a hydraulic shock absorber for a vehicle according to claim ~~1-3~~, wherein the ~~second leaf valve comprises~~ a plurality of leaf valves of the other second leaf valves have ~~having~~ the same diameter.

7. (Currently Amended) A valve structure of a hydraulic shock absorber for a vehicle according to claim ~~1-3~~, wherein the other second leaf ~~valve comprises~~ valves comprise:

a first group of leaf valves having smaller diameters step by step such that the ~~second leaf valve~~ first group is formed in a pyramid shape as the second leaf valve departs from the small diameter leaf valve, and

~~the second leaf valve further comprises~~ a second group of leaf valves having the same diameter.